

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods for providing a central recorder in an interactive broadcast television network environment are disclosed. A broadcast center records and stores incoming content as it is received from local, regional and/or national broadcasters to facilitate time shifting of content for clients, and to provide an efficient mechanism for the distribution and/or redistribution of content. Content may be distributed or redistributed to one or more of client terminals, to the originating broadcaster, to a parent network, to an interactive television service, or to other third parties with an interest in receiving the content.